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Dear Don,

I have discussed with Ned the Assembly described on your drawing AX-29. He, too, is sure that our Corporation would be interested in responding to your Request for Quotation when you formally release it. For security reasons, direct knowledge of your possible requirement is now closely held, and will be, until you decide how this procurement will be arranged.

We have given the preliminary data some thought, and hope you will clarify, in your Request for Quotation, one point on which we are unclear: Is it your intention to procure an Assembly satisfying a completely detailed specification, acceptance of which would be determined by previously agreed upon laboratory-type measurements; or is it your desire to procure an Assembly and have its acceptance contingent on performance of the system located above the Assembly? While these may not be mutually exclusive criteria, some of the questions I discussed with you last week (control of thermal gradients, strength of notches in use, degree and lifetime of vacuum, inherent quality of tentatively specified inner element, nature of peripheral mount, and surface specifications) make it important that we understand clearly what you desire to procure; an assembly meeting specifications of one sort might not best satisfy all criteria. We are anxious to serve you in any way your desire, and hope your formal Request for Quotation will define exactly what services of ours you wish to consider.

I look forward to your reply, and hope we can assist you in this requirement. I am sure you realize our keen interest in this type of product.

Best regards,

Milt

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